

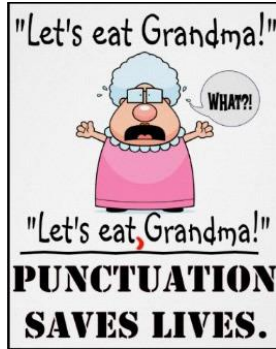
BENDISH LANE BUZZ

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF ST PAUL'S WALDEN SCHOOL, WHITWELL ISSUE 8- 27 APR 2018

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic start to the summer term. It's been a wonderful start full of smiley, polite, enthusiastic pupils and some much needed sunshine.

This week comes the turn of our year 6 pupils to proofread our summer term edition of the Bendish Lane Buzz. The year 6's are renowned for taking a keen interest in seeking and destroying errors, some deliberate and some not. On this occasion, relishing the opportunity to make the best use of their purple polishing pens to spot my deliberate non-use of punctuation. Avoiding the punctuation keys on the keyboard have been quite tough to be honest. So here is hoping to some excellent use of capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks, commas, and semi colons.



NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS!

You will find the following items in this newsletter:

- PTA Annual General Meeting
- Our Music Provision
- School Facebook page
- Gardening at Lunchtime
- School Uniform – New Supplier
- Governor Visit - Maths
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- Bikes, scooters and trikes
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- Diary Dates – Summer term

REMINDERS

Mon 7 May	Bank Holiday
Mon 14 May	KS2 SATs week (no swimming)
Fri 18 May	5.30-7.00pm PTA Disco
Thurs 24 May	Silver Birches assembly & cake sale
	Next newsletter published: 18 May

PTA Annual General Meeting

Many thanks to the parents who joined us at the AGM on Wednesday at The Bull. It was lovely to see so many of you there. Thank you for the continuous support for our school; we are incredibly lucky.

Don't forget that we have coming up our school discos this term. These are taking place on Friday 18th May and Friday 13th July, both at 5.30pm.



Our Music Provision

Mr Street has joined our school this term, leading our music provision. At the request of our older pupils, we have introduced a band as part of our school Enrichment offer. Currently fourteen children in the Oaks class are taking part in this with a mix of children practising percussion, recorder, brass and piano. The children's reviews of their first sessions were extremely positive. Our year 5 pupils said that they were certainly looking forward to their following session. As the term continues, following requests from parents, we will certainly schedule in a performance.

As well as a school band, Mr Street has started a lunchtime choir for children in KS2. We have been asking KS2 children for their interest in a recorder club. There are over 20 children alone in Silver Birches expressing an interest, which will give us a little challenge to work on to make sure those who are interested can access learning the recorder.

At the end of the day on Fridays, the whole school are also getting together for a whole school singing assembly, complete with our year 5/6 school band playing instruments.

School Facebook Page

To keep up to date with our school news, join us on Facebook at: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/stpaulswaldenschool/>

Before and After School Clubs Timetable Summer Term 2018

Monday	8.00am Summer Games Club 3.15-4.30pm Art Club 3.30-4.30pm Football Training (Yr 3-6)
Tuesday	8.00am Apex Streetdance Club 3.15-4.30pm Mathletics 3.30-4.30pm Netball Club (Yr 2-6)
Wednesday	8.00am Trampoline Club 3.30-4.30pm Athletics Club
Thursday	8.00am Tennis Club 3.15-4.30pm Cricket Club
Friday	8.00am Creatively Mindful Kids Club 3.30-4.30pm Basketball Club

Gardening at Lunchtime

Since March, we have asked children if they would like to spend time in our Growing Together Garden at lunchtime alongside Mrs Cawcutt. Very kindly, Mrs Cawcutt and Miss Sharpe spent time during the Easter holidays making sure that our polytunnel was thoroughly watered, as we currently are growing our first crop of cucamelons.

School Uniform – New Supplier

Our new supplier is Tylers Sportswear, 6 Woodfield Road, Welwyn Garden City AL7 1JQ. Tel: 01707 396900. The opening hours are Mon-Fri 9.00am-5.00pm. Tylers have set up a web shop for parents to order online, which is the preferred method of purchase. You are able to visit their showroom to buy smaller orders in person. They offer **free delivery to school**. To order, please click the following link. Orders can be made online at:

<http://www.tylers-sportswear.co.uk/Catalogue/School-Webshops/St-Pauls-Walden-School>

The uniform orders take approximately a week to be delivered free of charge to the school. On the web shop, go through to the 'Checkout page', click the "Collect from Tyler's" delivery option and in the comments box state "collect from school".

Dream - Believe - Succeed

Governor Visit - Maths

I was delighted to be invited back in March to see the progress being made in the maths classes at school. I saw a broad range of activities - from learning with Numicon to number bingo and understanding volume. As a number enthusiast myself; it was a joy to see so much engagement across the school with many pupils mastering their calculations with confidence. I felt especially privileged to see the "light-bulb" learning moments a year 6 group as they learnt the area of triangles!

Vicky Walrond

Parking

This is just a polite reminder to please park courteously and safely outside the school. Please do not park on the yellow zigzag lines or block the school gates as these need to be kept clear for emergency access. Parking is also available at the Village Hall car park.

Bikes, scooters and trikes

For the safety of everyone at our school, we ask for bikes, scooters, trikes not to be used on our site. Thank you.

Attendance

Our school attendance from Monday 12 March – Friday 27 April is 97.2%. Well done everyone! Please endeavour to get children to school promptly by leaving home in plenty of time to get to school by 8.50am. Children should be at school between 8.50am-9.00am where they can take part in early morning learning. Late attendance is also regularly monitored by the Attendance Officer, and affects your child's school attendance record.

Registration is at 9.00am, and registers close at 9.15am. Doors into school and the Willows gate are both locked at 9.00am. If your child arrives after 9.00am, please sign your child in at the school office.

Thank you for reading our newsletter.

Best wishes

Louise Phillips
Headteacher

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DIARY DATES SUMMER TERM 2018

Monday	23	April		KS2 Swimming Starts
Monday	7	May		Bank Holiday
Monday	14	May		KS2 SATs Week (no swimming)
Friday	18	May	5.30pm-7.00pm	PTA Disco
Thursday	24	May	2.45pm	Silver Birches assembly and cake sale
Monday	28	May		HALF TERM
Thursday	7	June	2.45pm	Willows assembly and cake sale
Thursday	14	June	2.45pm	Oaks assembly and cake sale
Thursday	28	June	8.30am	Pret-a-Portrait photographs
Thursday	28	June	2.45pm	Rowans assembly and cake sale
Saturday	30	June		Camp Out
Tuesday	3	July		Sports morning
Tuesday	10	July		KS2 Performance
Tuesday	10	July	12.45pm	Year 6 Crucial Crew
Wednesday	11	July		Reserve sports morning
Thursday	12	July		Transfer day
Friday	13	July	5.30pm-7.00pm	PTA Disco
Friday	13	July	7.00pm	Leavers' BBQ
Friday	20	July	1.15pm	Leavers' assembly
Friday	20	July	1.45pm	Tunnel of goodbye